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1. SGY LUNS OPENED THE JANUARY 25 PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE'S
WEEKLY PRIVATE LUNCH DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT HE WAS SURE
THAT HE WAS SPEAKING BOTH FOR HIMSELF AND FOR THE PERMREPS
IN CALLING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT TO NATO A GREAT SUCCESS.

2. LUNS SAID THAT HIS OWN TALK WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS
VERY POSITIVE, AND HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SAME WAS TRUE OF
SACEUR'S CONVERSATION WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT.
LUNS ADDED THAT, JUDGING FROM REMARKS TO HIM BY PERMREPS,
THE VICE PRESIDENT HAD MADE AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON THEM.

3. BOTH DE FREITAS-CRUZ (PORTUGAL) AND LAGACOS (GREECE) EMPHASIZED TO THEIR COLLEAGUES AT THE LUNCH HOW WELL-INFORMED THE VICE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN REGARDING ON-GOING PROBLEMS. DE FREITAS-CRUZ SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT HAD DEMONSTRATED IN THEIR BRIEF CONVERSATION, AND HE HAD REPORTED THIS TO LISBON. TOMASSON (ICELAND) SAID THAT THE IMPRESSION ON THE NORTHERN FLANK WAS EVEN MORE POSITIVE.

4. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) SAID HE WAS VERY HEARTENED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON ALLIED CONSULTATIONS. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT CLEARLY SHOWED IDEALISM BALANCED BY REALISM.

5. PAULS (FRG) SAID HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THE VICE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER AN INCREASED US CONTRIBUTION TO NATO STRENGTH, AND THAT THE US IN TURN LOOKS TO A PARALLEL EFFORT AT IMPROVING NATO DEFENSE ON THE PART OF THE OTHER ALLIES. THIS WAS INDEED A CHALLENGE.

6. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE PERMREPS LUNCH ARE REPORTED SEPTTEL. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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